



FRESH RESCUE

Who We Are

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- The Southern California Division of the Albertsons Companies operating under the Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions banners.
- 354 Stores in Southern California (South of Fresno to the border).
- 36,000 employees.

Overview

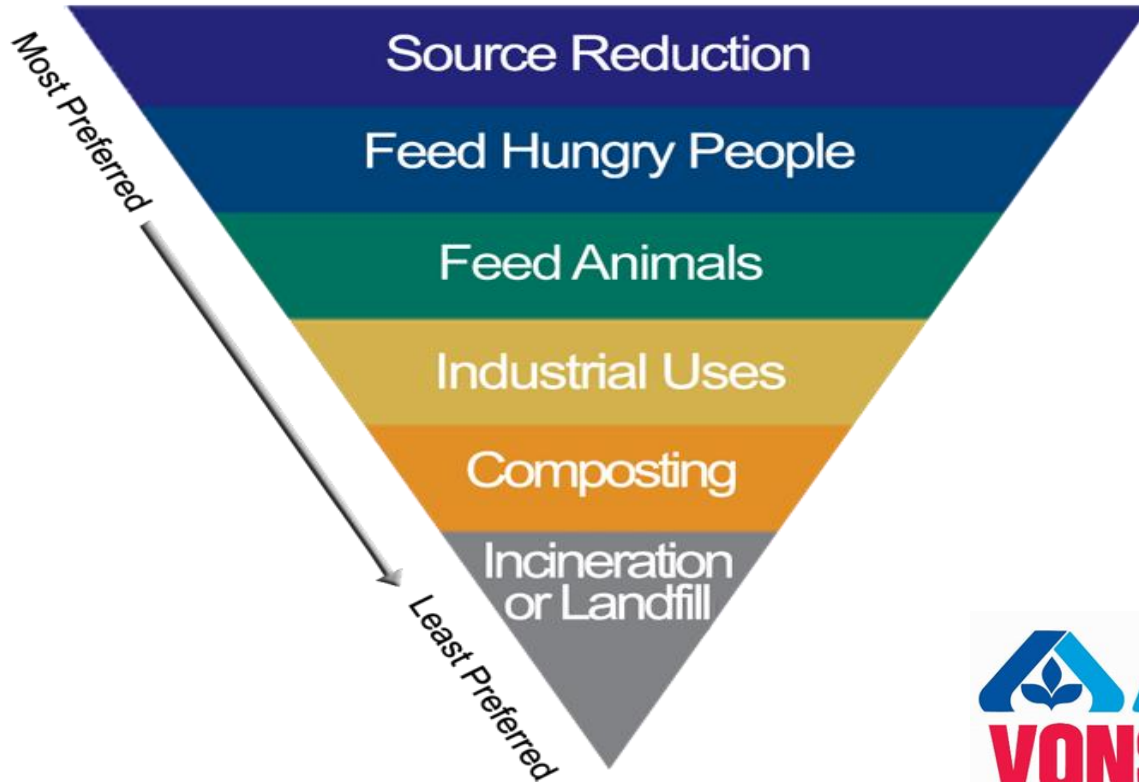
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The Albertsons | Vons | Pavilions Fresh Rescue program demonstrates our company's commitment to sustainable business practices and hunger relief through the donation of food and grocery items to food banks and partner agencies.



Food Recovery Hierarchy

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Fresh Rescue Details

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- Participating Stores:
 - Every Southern California Store.
- Who benefits:
 - Major Food Bank Partners throughout Southern California.
- Program Benefits:
 - Providing a service to those in need.
 - Waste Reduction.
 - Environmental Impact- Reduces gases from landfill disposal.

Fresh Rescue Details

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- What can be donated:
 - Perishable food which has reached their best by/sell by date, meet the acceptable donation guidelines and are not eligible for reclamation or vendor credit.
 - Nonperishable and grocery items not eligible for reclamation or vendor credit.
- Part of a broader company program to reduce food waste through edible food donation, compost and animal feed.
- Beneficiaries are approved by the company and partner food bank to ensure food safety standards are met.

How We Run the Program

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- Store and donate the items in banana boxes and cardboard boxes.
- All store departments have designated coolers and freezers to keep food that will be donated.
- When the recipient arrives at the store, all departments bring their donations to the receiving area.

Bakery

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- Product must be in original packaging.
- Product must be labeled and dated.
- All perishable products must be kept under refrigeration or in the freezer until pulled for donation. The cold chain must be maintained.



Produce

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- Acceptable: Culled fruits and vegetables, bagged salads and produce, Pre-packaged veggie or fruit trays (outside vendor), juices, dressings and salad toppings.
- This shows a typical example of bulk produce that has been removed from the sales floor.
- All is edible and can be donated.



Meat/Seafood

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- **Meat** (beef, poultry, pork,).
- Processed Pre-packaged Meats
Packaged by Manufacturer.
- Fully cooked lunch meats, and hot dogs packaged by the manufacturer.
- Plastic Totes or cardboard boxes are used to freeze and store the product until it is picked up.
- **Seafood:** no fresh fish/seafood is to be donated due to quality issues.

Separate out
species in
different
containers



Deli/Food Service

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- **Pre-Packaged, Prepared Foods, Packaged by the Manufacturer.**
 - **Refrigerate** (entrees, starches, side vegetables, chilled foods, home meal replacements).
- **Processed Pre-packaged Meats Packaged by Manufacturer.**
 - **Freeze within 24 hours** (fully cooked lunch meats, hot dogs and cheeses).



Dairy Donations

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- **Dairy – Liquid, Beverages**
- Examples: milk, half & half, whipping cream, eggnog, non-dairy almond, coconut milk, yogurt, sour cream, cheese, butter, eggs, juice products.
- Stores follow markdown procedures before donating.
- Chill at 40° F or below.
- Freeze all Cheese items.



Floral Department

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- Food banks love these donations to brighten their kitchen or give to folks with the food.
- We give rather than compost when possible.



Challenges for Food Recovery

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- New program for some of our banners.
- Food safety requirements make program labor intensive.
- Employee training.
- Need to capture all affected departments and personnel in training.



Advantage Albertsons

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- Large company with teams to support food donations and ability to audit for success.
- Easier to engage large organizations like Feeding America for support.
- Albertsons first grocer to donate food in 2004.
- Exciting program that helps our communities and engages our employees.



Thank You!

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